

Old Testament (1)

Job 19:1, 23-27a

I know that my Redeemer lives.

A reading from the book of Job.

1 Job answered:
23 “O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
24 O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock for ever!
25 For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;
26 and after my skin has been thus destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
27 whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold
and not another.”

The word of the Lord.

Old Testament (2)

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11a

For everything there is a season.

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes.

- 1 For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven:
- 2 a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
- 3 a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
- 4 a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
- 5 a time to throw away stones,
and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
- 6 a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
- 7 a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
- 8 a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.
- 9 What gain have the workers from their toil?
- 10 I have seen the business
that God has given to everyone to be busy with.
- 11 He has made everything suitable for its time.

The word of the Lord.

Old Testament (3)

Wisdom 3:1-9

Like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them.

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

- 1 The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.
- 2 In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,
3 and their going from us to be their destruction;
but they are at peace.
- 4 For though in the sight of others they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.
- 5 Having been disciplined a little,
they will receive great good,
because God tested them
and found them worthy of himself;
- 6 like gold in the furnace he tried them,
and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them.
- 7 In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,
and will run like sparks through the stubble.
- 8 They will govern nations and rule over peoples,
and the Lord will reign over them forever.
- 9 Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love,
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his elect.

The word of the Lord.

Old Testament (4)

Wisdom 4:7-15

A blameless life is ripe old age.

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

- 7 The righteous though they die early,
will be at rest.
- 8 For old age is not honoured for length of time,
or measured by number of years;
- 9 but understanding is grey hair for anyone,
and blameless life is ripe old age.
- 10 There was one who pleased God and was loved by him,
and while living among sinners was taken up.
- 11 Such a person was caught up
so that evil might not change their understanding
or guile deceive their soul.
- 12 For the fascination of wickedness obscures what is good,
and roving desire perverts the innocent mind.
- 13 Being perfected in a short time, they fulfilled long years;
- 14 for their soul was pleasing to the Lord,
therefore he took them quickly from the midst of wickedness.
- 15 Yet the peoples saw and did not understand,
or take such a thing to heart,
that God's grace and mercy are with his elect,
and that he watches over his holy ones.

The word of the Lord.

Old Testament (5)

Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

The LORD will swallow up death forever.

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

6 On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food.

7 And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death for ever.

8 Then the LORD GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people
he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

9 It will be said on that day,
"See, this is our God;
we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
Let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

The word of the Lord.

Old Testament (6)

Isaiah 61:1-3d

The LORD has sent me to comfort all who mourn.

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

- 1 The spirit of the LORD GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
- 2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn.
- 3 to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Old Testament (7)

Lamentations 3:17-26

It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

A reading from the book of Lamentations.

- 17 My soul is deprived of peace;
I have forgotten what happiness is;
18 so I say, "Gone is my glory,
and all that I hoped for from the LORD."
19 The thought of my affliction and my homelessness
is wormwood and gall!
20 My soul continually thinks of it
and is bowed down within me.
21 But this I call to mind and therefore I have hope:
22 The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
23 they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
24 "The Lord is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."
25 The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.
26 It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Old Testament (8)

Ezekiel 37:12-14

I am going to open your graves.

A reading from the book of the Prophet Ezekiel.

- 12 “Therefore prophesy, and say to them,
Thus says the LORD GOD:
I am going to open your graves,
and bring you up from your graves, O my people;
and I will bring you back to the land of Israel.
- 13 And you shall know that I am the LORD,
when I open your graves,
and bring you up from your graves, O my people.
- 14 I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live,
and I will place you on your own soil;
then you shall know that I, the LORD,
have spoken and will act,” says the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

Old Testament (9)

Micah 6:6, 8

What God requires.

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A reading from the book of the prophet Micah

6 "With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?

8 He has told you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you,
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

The word of the Lord.

Old Testament (10)

Song of Songs 8:6-7

Love is strong as death.

A reading from the book of the Song of Songs

- 6 Set me as a seal upon your heart,
 as a seal upon your arm;
 for love is strong as death,
 passion fierce as the grave.
 Its flashes are flashes of fire,
 a raging flame.
- 7 Many waters cannot quench love,
 neither can floods drown it.
 If one offered for love
 all the wealth of one's house,
 it would be utterly scorned.

The word of the Lord.

Old Testament 11

(41:10, 44:22, 49:15-16)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Fear not I am with you;
be not dismayed; I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you,
and uphold you with my right hand of justice.
For I am the Lord your God who grasps your right hand;
it is I who say to you 'fear not, I will help you'.

I have brushed away your offences like a cloud,
your sins like a mist, return to me, for I have redeemed you.

Can a mother forget her infant,
be without tenderness for the child within her womb?
Even should these forget, I will never forget you.
See, upon the palm of my hand I have written your name.
Yes, in joy you shall depart, in peace you shall be brought back.

This is the word of the Lord.

New Testament (1)

Romans 5:5-11

The love of God has been poured into our hearts.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters:

- 5 Hope does not disappoint us,
because God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.
- 6 For while we were still weak,
at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.
- 7 Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—
though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare
to die.
- 8 But God proves his love for us
in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.
- 9 Much more surely then,
now that we have been justified by his blood,
will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.
- 10 For if while we were enemies,
we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son,
much more surely, having been reconciled,
will we be saved by his life.
- 11 But more than that,
we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament (2)

2 Timothy 4:6-8

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

As for me
the time of my departure has come.
I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race,
I have kept the faith.
From now on there is reserved for me
the crown of righteousness,
which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day,
and not only to me
but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

The Word of the Lord.

New Testament (3)

Romans 6:3-9

Let us walk in newness of life.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters:

- 3 Do you not know
that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus
were baptized into his death?
- 4 Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into
death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead
by the glory of the Father,
so we too might walk in newness of life.
- 5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his,
we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.
- 6 We know that our old self was crucified with him
so that the body of sin might be destroyed,
and we might no longer be enslaved to sin.
- 7 For whoever has died is freed from sin.
- 8 But if we have died with Christ,
we believe that we will also live with him.
- 9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead,
will never die again;
death no longer has dominion over him.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament (4)

Romans 8:14-23

We wait for the redemption of our bodies.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters:

- 14 All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.
15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,
but you have received a spirit of adoption to sonship.
When we cry, 'Abba! Father!'
16 it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit
that we are children of God,
17 and if children, then heirs,
heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—
if, in fact, we suffer with him
so that we may also be glorified with him.
18 I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth
comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.
19 For the creation waits with eager longing
for the revealing of the children of God;
20 for the creation was subjected to futility,
not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it,
21 in hope that the creation itself
will be set free from its bondage to decay
and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.
22 We know that the whole creation
has been groaning in labour pains until now;
23 and not only the creation,
but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit,
groan inwardly while we wait for adoption to sonship,
the redemption of our bodies.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament (5)

Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

Who will be able to separate us from the love of Christ.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters:

- 31 If God is for us, who is against us?
32 He who did not withhold his own Son,
but gave him up for all of us,
will he not with him also give us everything else?
33 Who will bring any charge against God's elect?
It is God who justifies.
3\$2 Who is to condemn?
It is Christ Jesus, who died,
yes, who was raised,
who is at the right hand of God
who indeed intercedes for us.
35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ?
Will hardship, or distress, or persecution,
or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors
through him who loved us.
38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor Angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,
39 nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us
from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament (6)

Romans 14:7-9, 10b-12

Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

My brothers and sisters,
7 We do not live to ourselves,
and we do not die to ourselves.
8 If we live, we live to the Lord,
and if we die, we die to the Lord;
so then, whether we live or whether we die,
we are the Lord's.
9 For to this end Christ died and lived again,
so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.
10 For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.
11 For it is written,
"As I live, says the Lord,
every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."
12 So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament (7)

1 Corinthians 15:20-24a, 25-28

*Christ hands over the kingdom to God the Father
so that God may be all in all.*

A shorter version (20-24) concludes at the asterisk.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and Sisters:

- 20 Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
- 21 For since death came through a man,
the resurrection of the dead has also come through a man;
- 22 for as all die in Adam,
so all will be made alive in Christ.
- 23 But each in his own order:
Christ the first fruits,
then at his coming those who belong to Christ.
- 24 Then comes the end,
when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father.*
- 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his
feet.
- 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.
- 27 For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet."
But when it says, "All things are put in subjection,"
it is plain that this does not include the one
who put all things in subjection under him.
- 28 When all things are subjected to him,
then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one
who put all things in subjection under him,
so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament (8)

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Death has been swallowed up in victory.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and Sisters:

- 51 Listen, I will tell you a mystery!
We will not all die,
but we will all be changed,
52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.
For the trumpet will sound,
and the dead will be raised imperishable,
and we will be changed.
53 For this perishable body must put on imperishability,
and this mortal body must put on immortality.
54 When this perishable body puts on imperishability,
and this mortal body puts on immortality,
then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:
“Death has been swallowed up in victory.”
55 “Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?”
56 The sting of death is sin,
and the power of sin is the law.
57 But thanks be to God,
who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament (9)

2 Corinthians 4:14-5.1

What can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters:

- 14 We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus
will raise us also with Jesus,
and will bring us with you into his presence.
- 15 Yes, everything is for your sake,
so that grace, as it extends to more and more people,
may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.
- 16 So we do not lose heart.
Even though our outer nature is wasting away,
our inner nature is being renewed day by day.
- 17 For this slight momentary affliction
is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory
beyond all measure,
- 18 because we look not at what can be seen
but at what cannot be seen;
for what can be seen is temporary,
but what cannot be seen is eternal.
- 1 For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed,
we have a building from God,
a house not made with hands,
eternal in the heavens.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament (10)

2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

We have a house eternal in the heaven.

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters:

1 We know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed,
we have a building from God,
a house not made with hands,
eternal in the heavens.

6 Therefore, we are always confident;
even though we know that while we are at home in the body
we are away from the Lord—
7 for we walk by faith, not by sight.

8 Yes, we do have confidence,
and we would rather be away from the body
and at home with the Lord.

9 So whether we are at home or away,
we make it our aim to please him.

10 For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ,
so that each may receive recompense
for what has been done in the body,
whether good or evil.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament (11)

Philippians 3:20-21

*He will transform the body of our humiliation that
it may be conformed to the body of his glory.*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters:

20 Our citizenship is in heaven,
and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour,
the Lord Jesus Christ.

21 He will transform the body of our humiliation
that it may be conformed to the body of his glory,
by the power that also enables him
to make all things subject to himself.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament (12)

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We will be with the Lord forever.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians.

- 13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters,
about those who have died,
so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.
- 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again,
even so, through Jesus,
God will bring with him those who have died.
- 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord,
that we who are alive,
who are left until the coming of the Lord,
will by no means precede those who have died.
- 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command,
with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet,
will descend from heaven,
and the dead in Christ will rise first.
- 17 Then we who are alive, who are left,
will be caught up in the clouds
together with them to meet the Lord in the air;
and so we will be with the Lord forever.
- 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament (13)

2 Timothy 2:8-13

If we have died with him, we will also live with him.

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy.

Beloved:

- 8 Remember Jesus Christ,
raised from the dead, a descendant of David—
that is my gospel,
9 for which I suffer hardship,
even to the point of being chained like a criminal.
But the word of God is not chained.
10 Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect,
so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus,
with eternal glory.
11 The saying is sure:
If we have died with him,
we will also live with him;
12 if we endure,
we will also reign with him;
if we deny him,
he will also deny us;
13 if we are faithless,
he remains faithful—
for he cannot deny himself.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament (14)

1 John 3:1-2

We will see God as he is.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John.

Beloved:

1 See what love the Father has given us,
that we should be called children of God;
and that is what we are.

The reason the world does not know us
is that it did not know him.

2 Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we will be has not yet been revealed.
What we do know is this:
when he is revealed, we will be like him,
for we will see him as he is.

The word of the Lord.

New Testament (15)

Revelation 14:13

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

A reading from the book of Revelation.

- 13 And I, John, heard a voice from heaven saying,
“Write this:
Blessed are the dead who from now on die in the Lord.”
“Yes,” says the Spirit,
“they will rest from their labours,
for their deeds follow them.”

The word of the Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful for Funeral A

Leader: Our response is: "Lord, hear our prayer."

1. That we may treasure our gift of time and friendship and love we have shared with _____. Let us pray to the Lord.
2. Grant comfort to _____'s family and friends as they trust in Your mercy and gentleness. Let us pray to the Lord.
3. God of the living and the dead, You raised Jesus from the dead. Raise up _____ who has died, and grant that we may share eternal glory with him. Let us pray to the Lord.
4. That all who suffer from the loss of a loved one may find comfort and hope. Let us pray to the Lord.
5. Look tenderly on all who gave so generously in love, compassion, and care to _____. Let us pray to the Lord.
6. That God may strengthen our faith in His love, and deepen our hope in His promise of eternal life. Let us pray to the Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful for Funeral B

Leader: Our response is: "Lord, hear our prayer."

1. In baptism, _____ received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him/her over the waters of death, we pray to the Lord.
2. _____ was nourished at the table of the Savior. Welcome him/her into the halls of the heavenly banquet, we pray to the Lord.
3. Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your son, we pray to the Lord.
4. Those who trusted in the Lord now sleep in the Lord. Give refreshment, rest, and peace to all whose faith is known to you alone, we pray to the Lord.
5. The family and friends of _____ seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that comes with grief, we pray to the Lord.
6. We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our brother/sister _____. Strengthen our hope so that we may live for the life of heaven, we pray to the Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful for Funeral C

Leader: Our response is: "Lord, hear our prayer."

1. For _____ who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he/she may now be admitted to the company of the saints, we pray to the Lord.
2. For our brother/sister _____ who ate the body of Christ, the bread of life; that he/she may be raised up on the last day, we pray to the Lord.
3. For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness, we pray to the Lord.
4. For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again; that they may see God face to face, we pray to the Lord.
5. For the family and friends of our brother/sister _____, that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus, we pray to the Lord.
6. For all of us gather here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom, we pray to the Lord.
7. For your own personal intentions (silence), we pray to the Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful for Funeral D

Leader: Our response is: "Lord, hear our prayer."

1. For all the baptized, that on the day of their death they may enter into the glory of God, we pray to the Lord.
2. For _____, husband, father, grandfather, (wife, mother, grandmother) and friend; may he/she rest in God's peace, we pray to the Lord.
3. For the next person to die in the Holy Spirit, that they may be ready to meet God, we pray to the Lord.
4. For all those, who through the generous and loving use of their medical expertise treated our brother/sister _____, we pray to the Lord.
5. For all who through their calling have brought the peace of Christ to _____ throughout his/her life, we pray to the Lord.
6. For all in the community who have been touched by _____'s presence and love, we pray to the Lord.
7. For your own personal intentions (silence), we pray to the Lord.